

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 ~~cosmetic or personal care article of claim 1~~, wherein said (a)(i) component is selected from the group consisting of isooctyl (meth)acrylate, n-butyl (meth)acrylate, isobutyl acrylate, t-butyl (meth)acrylate, 2-methylbutyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl (meth)acrylate, n-octyl (meth)acrylate, isononyl (meth)acrylate, lauryl (meth)acrylate, octadecyl (meth)acrylate, and combinations thereof.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 ~~cosmetic or personal care article of claim 1~~, wherein said (a)(ii) component is selected from the group consisting of bicyclo[2.2.1]heptyl (meth)acrylate; adamantyl (meth)acrylate; 3,5-dimethyladamantyl (meth)acrylate; isobornyl (meth)acrylate; tolyl (meth)acrylate; phenyl (meth)acrylate; t-butylphenyl (meth)acrylate; 2-naphthyl (meth)acrylate; benzyl methacrylate; cyclohexyl methacrylate; menthyl methacrylate; 3,3,5-trimethylcyclohexyl methacrylate; dicyclopentenyl (meth)acrylate; 2-(dicyclopentenylloxy)ethyl (meth)acrylate; and combinations thereof.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 ~~cosmetic or personal care article of claim 4~~, wherein said hydrophilic monomer is selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and combinations thereof.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 ~~cosmetic or personal care article of claim 1~~, wherein said composition is formed into a film, said film having less than about 50 grams of tack when tested according to ASTM D 2979-95.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 ~~cosmetic or personal care article of claim 1~~, wherein said composition is formed into a film, said film passes the flexibility test when tested according to ASTM D 4338-97.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 ~~cosmetic or personal care article of claim 1~~, wherein said copolymer has average particle size of less than about 1 micrometers.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the cosmetic or personal care article ~~of claim 1 having~~ has a  $T_g$  less than 35° C.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the cosmetic or personal care article ~~of claim 1 further comprising~~ comprises ingredients selected from the group consisting of emollients, humectants, propellants, pigments, dyes, buffers, organic suspending agents, inorganic suspending agents, organic thickening agents, inorganic thickening agents, waxes, surfactants, plasticizers, preservatives, flavoring agents, perfumes, vitamins, herbal extracts, skin bleaching agents, hair bleaching agents, skin coloring agents, hair coloring agents, antimicrobial agents, antifungal agents and combinations thereof.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the cosmetic or personal care article ~~of claim 1 comprising~~ comprises a blend of said copolymer.

14 – 19. (Cancelled)

20. (New) A method comprising:

(a) preparing a cosmetic or personal care article selected from the group consisting essentially of mascara, foundation, rouge, face powder, eye liner, eyeshadow, lipstick, insect repellent, nail polish, skin moisturizer, skin cream, body lotion, and sunscreen, the cosmetic or personal care article having therein a composition in the form of an aqueous emulsion or dispersion, the composition comprising at least one copolymer comprising

- (i) about 10 to 85 weight percent of (meth)acrylate ester of  $C_4$  to  $C_{18}$  straight and/or branched chain alkyl alcohol,
- (ii) about 10 to 70 weight percent of (meth)acrylate ester of a saturated or unsaturated cyclic alcohol containing 6 to 20 carbon atoms, and
- (iii) up to 20 weight percent hydrophilic monomer units selected from the group consisting of (meth)acrylamide, 2-ethoxyethyl (meth)acrylate, mono (meth)acrylates of polyethylene glycol monoethers, N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone, N-vinyl formamide, N-vinyl acetamide, 2-hydroxyethyl (meth)acrylate, hydroxypropyl acrylate, vinyl pyridine, N,N-diethylaminoethyl methacrylate, N,N-dimethylaminoethyl (meth)acrylate, N-t-butylaminoethyl acrylate, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, itaconic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, vinyl benzoic acid, 2-carboxyethyl acrylate, 2-sulfoethyl (meth)acrylate, 4-vinyl phenyl phosphonic acid, and combinations thereof,

said copolymer being dispersed as discrete particles in an aqueous carrier consisting essentially of water or water miscible solvents optionally with added rapid evaporating solvents selected from the group consisting of hexamethyldisiloxane, cyclic silicones, acetone, and hydrofluoroethers; or combinations or mixtures thereof; and

(b) applying the cosmetic or personal care article to skin, nails, eyelashes or combinations thereof.